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SUBJECT: STATUS OF ADVANCE PARTIES IN NEW YORK AND KIEV

REF: MOSCOW 13609

1. SUMMARY - THE SIGNING OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (PROTOCOL) DESCRIBED IN REFTEL HAS RESOLVED THE REMAINING PROPERTY QUESTIONS IN KIEV. THEREFORE THE EMBASSY BELIEVES WE SHOULD NOW TAKE THE APPROPRIATE STEPS TO ESTABLISH ADVANCE PARTIES IN NEW YORK AND KIEV. END SUMMARY

2. THE EMBASSY HAS REVIEWED EUR/SOV'S INFORMAL DRAFT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ADVANCE PARTIES AND AGREES WITH IT. WE WOULD, HOWEVER, MAKE THREE ADDITIONAL POINTS:

A. THAT THE SOVIET ADVANCE PARTY IN NEW YORK SHOULD CONSIST OF NO MORE THAN TEN OFFICERS AND STAFF PERSONNEL, THAT IS EXCLUDING WORKING WIVES. IF ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY, WE WOULD FALL BACK TO TWELVE BUT NO MORE.

B. THAT IT IS ADVANTAGEOUS TO US NOT TO DEFINE THE PRECISE FUNCTIONS OF THE ADVANCE PARTIES, SINCE ONE THE SOVIETS ARE ESTABLISHED IN NEW YORK WE WILL HAVE LITTLE EFFECTIVE CONTROL OVER THEIR ACTIVITIES, EXCEPT WITH RESPECT TO THE CEILING ON NUMBERS. THEREFORE, WE SHOULD TRY TO MAINTAIN MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY OF OUR ADVANCE PARTY IN KIEV.

C. THAT WE STATE OUR ASSUMPTION THAT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN

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AFFAIRS OF THE UKRAINIAN SSR WILL BE THE POINT OF CONTACT FOR THE

US ADVANCE PARTY IN KIEV FOR ROUTINE MATTERS INVOLVING ITS STAY
THERE AND FOR RELATED TRAVEL QUESTIONS.

3. IN SUM THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT WE SHOULD NOW PROCEED
PROMPTLY TO ESTABLISH FORMALLY THE ADVANCE PARTIES IN NEW
YORK AND KIEV.
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